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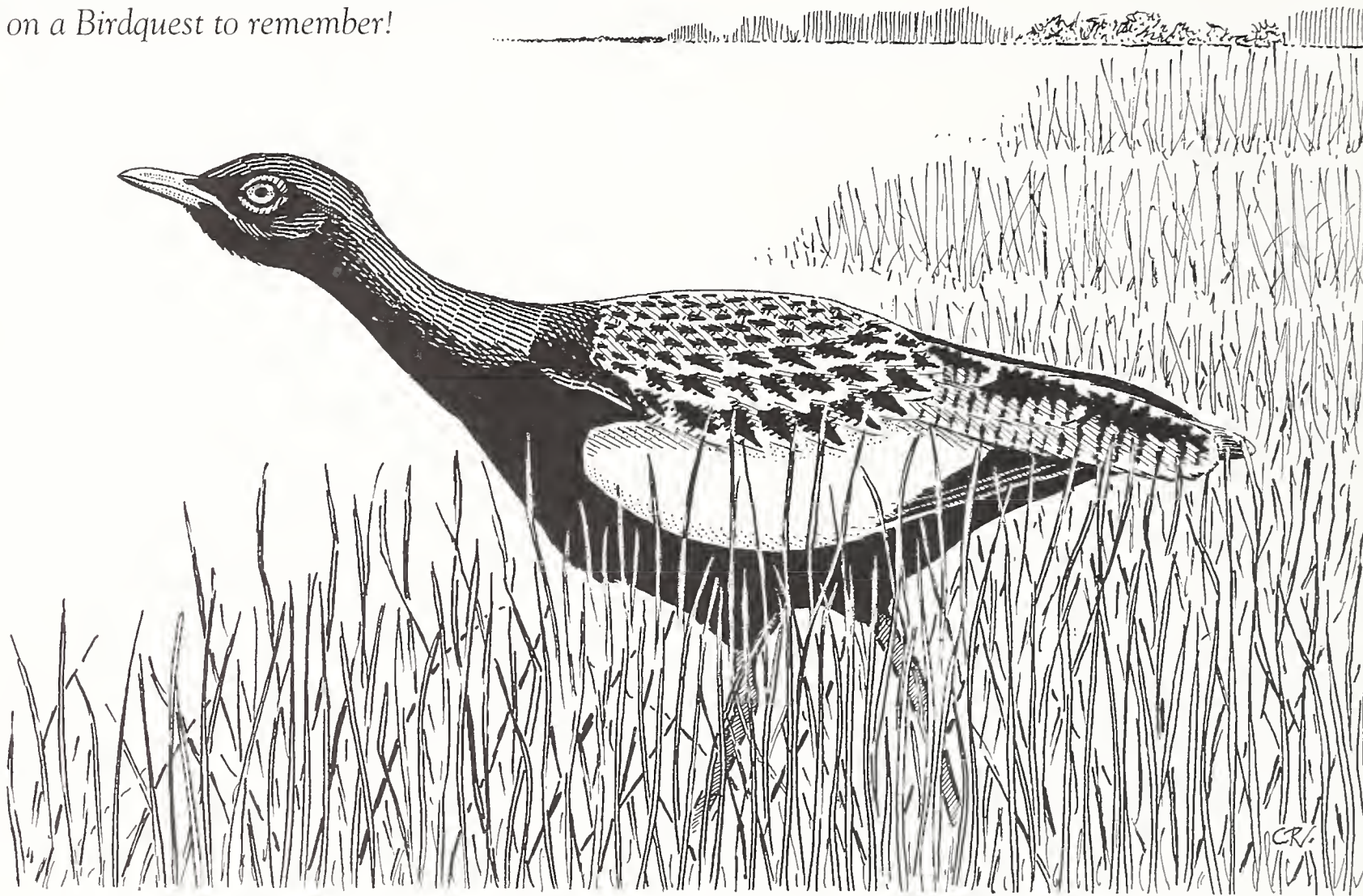
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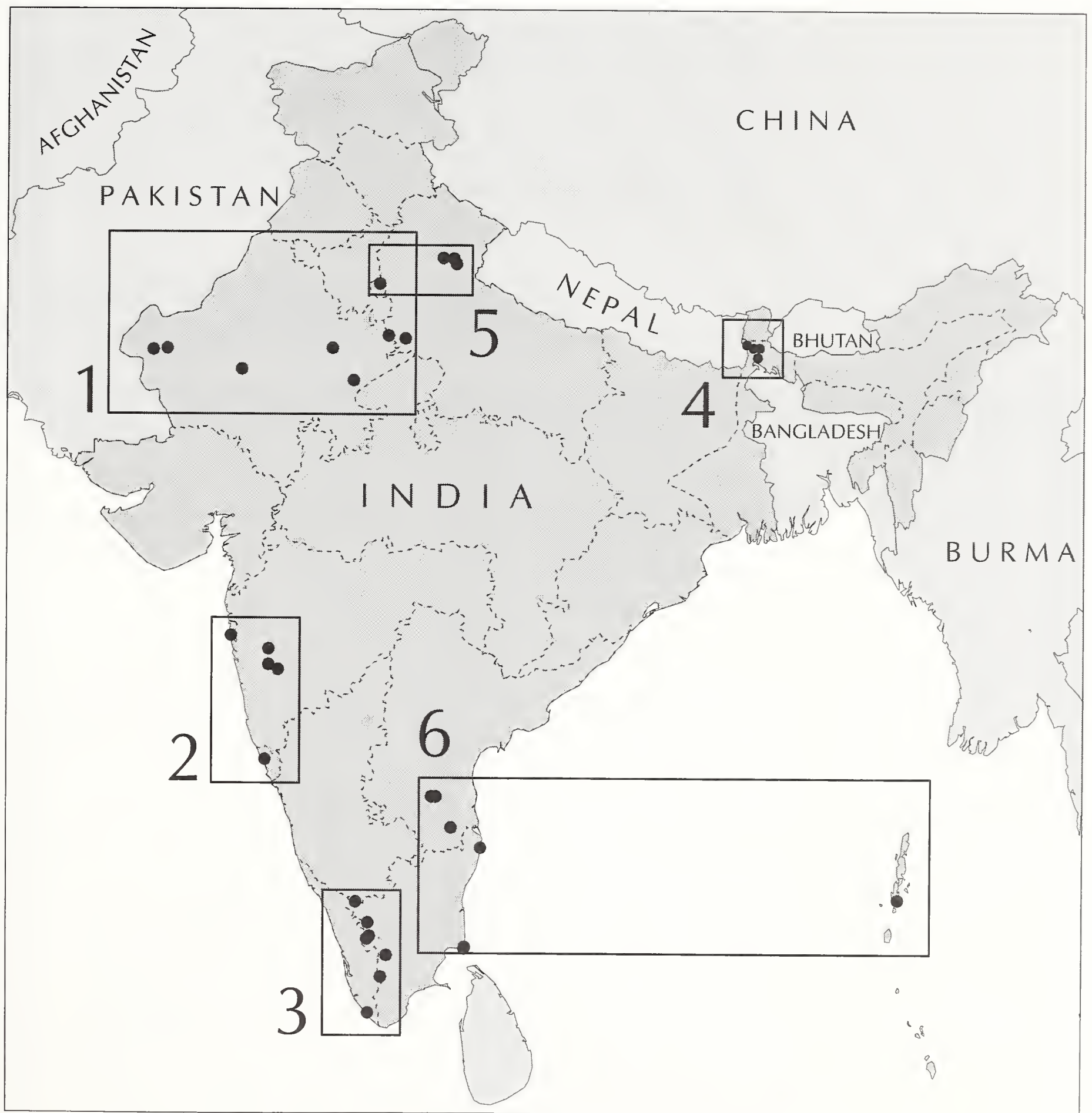
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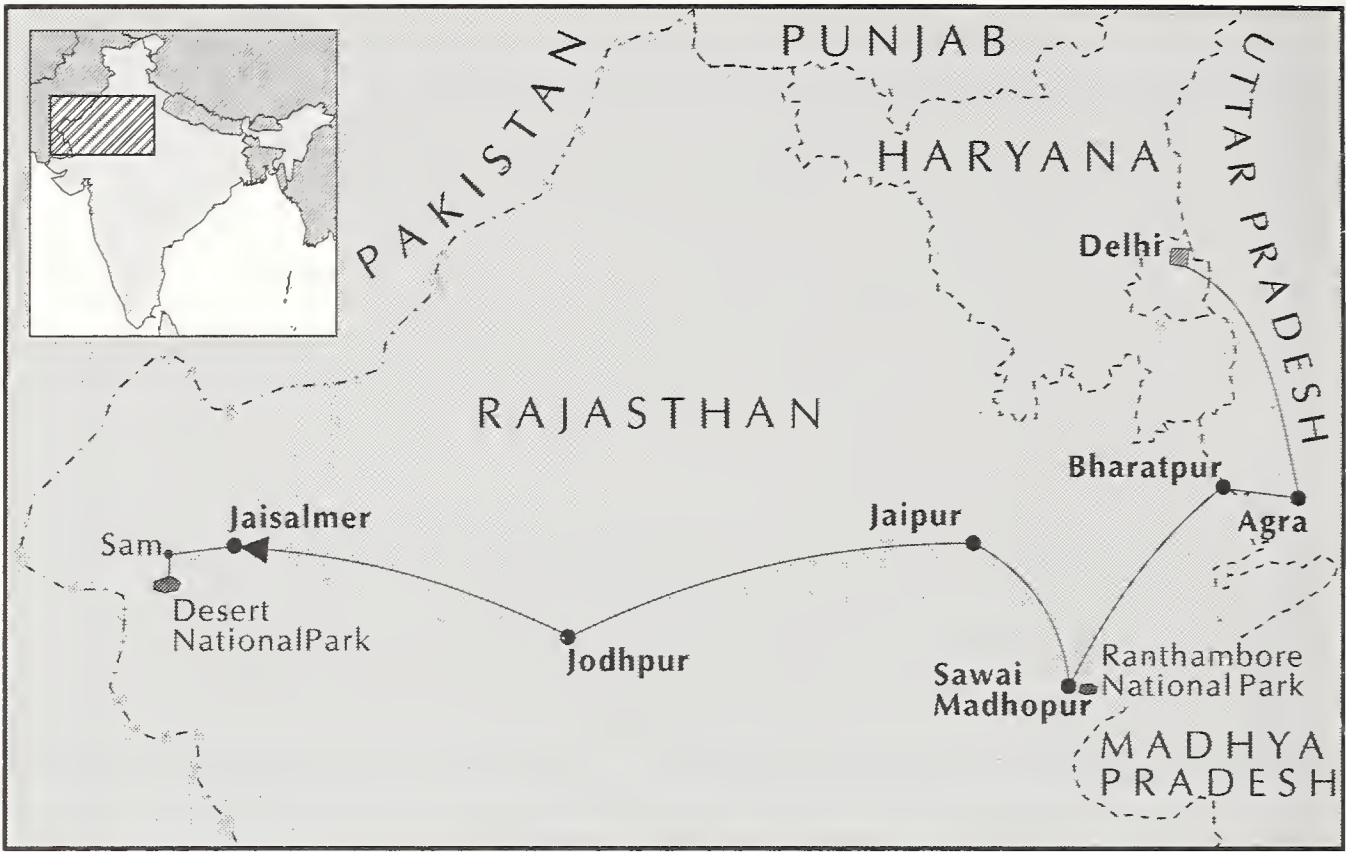
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1 Rajasthan and Agra

Rajasthan is one of India's most popular tourist destinations, and also holds a great deal of interest for the visiting birder. Habitats vary from the arid landscape of the Great Indian Desert to the world-renowned wetlands of Keoladeo National Park (a.k.a. Bharatpur). Siberian Cranes *Grus leucogeranus* which were once one of the highlights of a trip to this area unfortunately no longer appear to winter at Bharatpur.



A winter visit (Jan-Feb) is recommended to see large concentrations of wintering wildfowl at Bharatpur.

DAY		NOTES	BIRDS
1	am train Delhi to Agra. pm in Agra	The Yamuna River behind the Taj Mahal is good for waders and gulls.	BROWN-HEADED BARBET <i>Megalaima zeylanica</i> , INDIAN GREY-HORNBILL <i>Ocyrceros birostris</i> , SMALL PRATINCOLE <i>Glareola lactea</i> , GREAT BLACK-HEADED GULL <i>Larus ichthyaetus</i> , RIVER TERN <i>Sterna aurantia</i> , BLACK-BELLIED TERN <i>Sterna acuticauda</i> , INDIAN CHAT <i>Cercomela fusca</i> , DUSKY CRAG-MARTIN <i>Hirundo concolor</i>
2	am in Agra. pm Bus or train to Bharatpur		
3	Keoladeo National Park	Hire bikes in Bharatpur town to explore reserve. Mammals include Blackbuck <i>Antilope cervicapra</i> , and Jungle Cat <i>Felis chaus</i>	BAR-HEADED GOOSE <i>Anser indicus</i> , COMB DUCK <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i> , FALCATED TEAL <i>Anas falcata</i> , INDIAN GREY-HORNBILL <i>Ocyrceros birostris</i> , INDIAN SCOPS-OWL <i>Otus bakkamoena</i> , DUSKY EAGLE-OWL <i>Bubo coromandus</i> , BROWN FISH-OWL <i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i> , MOTTLED WOOD-OWL <i>Strix ocellata</i> (scarce), INDIAN NIGHTJAR <i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i> , SIBERIAN CRANE <i>Grus leucogeranus</i> (possibly no longer occurring), SARUS CRANE <i>Grus antigone</i> , COMMON CRANE <i>Grus grus</i> , GREATER PAINTED-SNIPE <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> , GREAT THICK-KNEE <i>Burhinus recurvirostris</i> , YELLOW-WATTLED LAPWING <i>Vanellus malabaricus</i> , GREY-HEADED LAPWING <i>Vanellus cinereus</i> (rare), SOCIABLE LAPWING <i>Vanellus gregarius</i> , INDIAN COURSER <i>Cursorius coromandelicus</i> , INDIAN SKIMMER <i>Rynchops albigollis</i> (occurs outside the reserve), PALLAS'S SEA-EAGLE <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> , GREATER SPOTTED EAGLE <i>Aquila clanga</i> , IMPERIAL EAGLE <i>Aquila heliaca</i> , RED-NECKED FALCON <i>Falco chicquera</i> , BLACK-NECKED STORK <i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i> , WHITE-TAILED LORA <i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i> , ORANGE-HEADED THRUSH <i>Zoothera citrina</i> , TICKELL'S THRUSH <i>Turdus unicolor</i> , SPOTTED CREEPER <i>Salpornis spilonotus</i> , WIRE-TAILED SWALLOW <i>Hirundo smithii</i> , STREAK-THROATED SWALLOW <i>Hirundo fluvicola</i> , BROOKS'S LEAF-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus subviridis</i> , CHESTNUT-BREADED BUNTING <i>Emberiza stewarti</i> , RED-HEADED BUNTING <i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>
4	Keoladeo National Park		
5	Keoladeo National Park		

DAY	NOTES		BIRDS
6	train to Sawai Modhupur		
7	Ranthambore NP	Hire jeep from Sawai Modhopur to enter the park, or rent bicycles to explore areas outside the park. Tigers <i>Panthera tigris</i> are difficult to see here now, but the park is good for other mammals including Leopard <i>Panthera pardus</i> and Jungle Cat <i>Felis chaus</i> , and Mugger Crocodile <i>Crocodylus palustrus</i> .	JUNGLE BUSH-QUAIL <i>Perdica asiatica</i> , PAINTED SPURFOWL <i>Galloperdix lunulata</i> , WHITE-NAPED WOODPECKER <i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i> , BROWN CRAKE <i>Amaurornis akool</i> , PAINTED SANDGROUSE <i>Pterocles indicus</i> , YELLOW-WATTLED LAPWING <i>Vanellus malabaricus</i> , INDIAN COURSER <i>Cursorius coromandelicus</i> , DALMATIAN PELICAN <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> (occasional), WHITE-BROWED FANTAIL <i>Rhipidura aureola</i> , WHITE-BROWED BUSHCHAT <i>Saxicola macrorhyncha</i> (rare), VARIABLE WHEATEAR <i>Oenanthe picata</i> , INDIAN CHAT <i>Cercomela fusca</i> , JUNGLE PRINIA <i>Prinia sylvatica</i> , SULPHUR-BELLIED WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i> , TAWNY-BELLIED BABBLER <i>Dumetia hyperythra</i> , LONG-BILLED PIPIT <i>Anthus similis</i> , GREY-NECKED BUNTING <i>Emberiza bethanani</i>
8	Ranthambore NP		
9	am Train to Jaipur. pm Overnight train to Jodhpur		
10	am Jodhpur Overnight train to Jaisalmer	After booking train ticket to Jaisalmer, explore Mandore Gardens in Jodhpur.	CHESTNUT-BELLIED SANDGROUSE <i>Pterocles exustus</i> , PAINTED SANDGROUSE <i>Pterocles indicus</i> , WHITE-WINGED TIT <i>Parus nuchalis</i> (no recent records), BOOTED WARBLER <i>Hippolais caligata</i> , LONG-BILLED PIPIT <i>Anthus similis</i> , HOUSE BUNTING <i>Emberiza striolata</i>
11	Jaisalmer (around town)	Permission is needed to visit the Desert National Park, obtainable in Jaisalmer town. If more time, try walking the 13 km from Sam to Sudasari as many birds can be seen en route.	INDIAN BUSTARD <i>Ardeotis nigriceps</i> , HOUBARA BUSTARD <i>Chlamydotis undulata</i> , CHESTNUT-BELLIED SANDGROUSE <i>Pterocles exustus</i> , SPOTTED SANDGROUSE <i>Pterocles senegallus</i> , BLACK-BELLIED SANDGROUSE <i>Pterocles orientalis</i> , CREAM-COLORED COURSER <i>Cursorius cursor</i> , PALLID HARRIER <i>Circus macrourus</i> , LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD <i>Buteo rufinus</i> , TAWNY EAGLE <i>Aquila rapax</i> , LAGGAR FALCON <i>Falco jugger</i> , WHITE-BELLIED MINIVET <i>Pericrocotus erythropygius</i> , WHITE-BROWED BUSHCHAT <i>Saxicola macrorhyncha</i> , VARIABLE WHEATEAR <i>Oenanthe picata</i> , RUFOUS-TAILED WHEATEAR <i>Oenanthe xanthopyrma</i> , PLAIN LEAF-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus neglectus</i> , DESERT WARBLER <i>Sylvia nana</i> , ORPHEAN WARBLER <i>Sylvia hortensis</i> , BLACK-CROWNED SPARROW-LARK <i>Eremopterix nigriceps</i> , GREATER HOOPOE-LARK <i>Alaemon alaudipes</i> , BIMACULATED LARK <i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i> , TRUMPETER FINCH <i>Rhodopechys githaginea</i>
12	Jaisalmer - bus or jeep to Sam, jeep 3 km to Desert National Park		
13	Desert National Park		
14	Jeep to Sam, bus or jeep to Jaisalmer	Hire jeep or bicycles to get to fossil park.	
15	am Fossil park 16 km from Jaisalmer Overnight train to Jodhpur		
16	train to Jaipur, onward train to Delhi		



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Can you identify this little bird?

It is, of course, the Little Forktail – genus *Enicurus scouleri* – usually seen hunting insects amongst the stones of Himalayan mountain streams.

Of the 9,700 species of bird to be found world-wide, India has over 1,200 of them, a checklist that is twice the size of its European or U.S.A. equivalent. India also boasts 2,000 subspecies of birds, although some migratory examples only appear during the winter.

As many of these birds have realized, India's winter is a fine time to visit. But whatever the time of year, the subcontinent's vast size, climatic variations, and variety of terrain all combine to offer an unequalled range of habitat.

India also possesses an extraordinary range of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries – more than 160 in total. Many lie conveniently close to the great tourist sights.

The world famous Bharatpur sanctuary in Rajasthan can be easily combined with a trip to Agra and the Taj Mahal. Lake Chilka in Orissa, on India's eastern seaboard, is close to the renowned Sun Temple at Konarak and an ideal springboard for the unspoilt wealth of nature to be found on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

In fact, whether you go to study birds, or take in some of the great sights, India is the natural choice. For details about visiting India contact the India Tourist Office or your travel agent.

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Birds of the Pune and Goa region

1: Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* (Photo: Patrick Beirens)

2: Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix grisea* (Photo: Tim Loseby)

3: Purple-rumped Sunbird *Nectarinia zeylonica* (Photo: Tim Loseby)

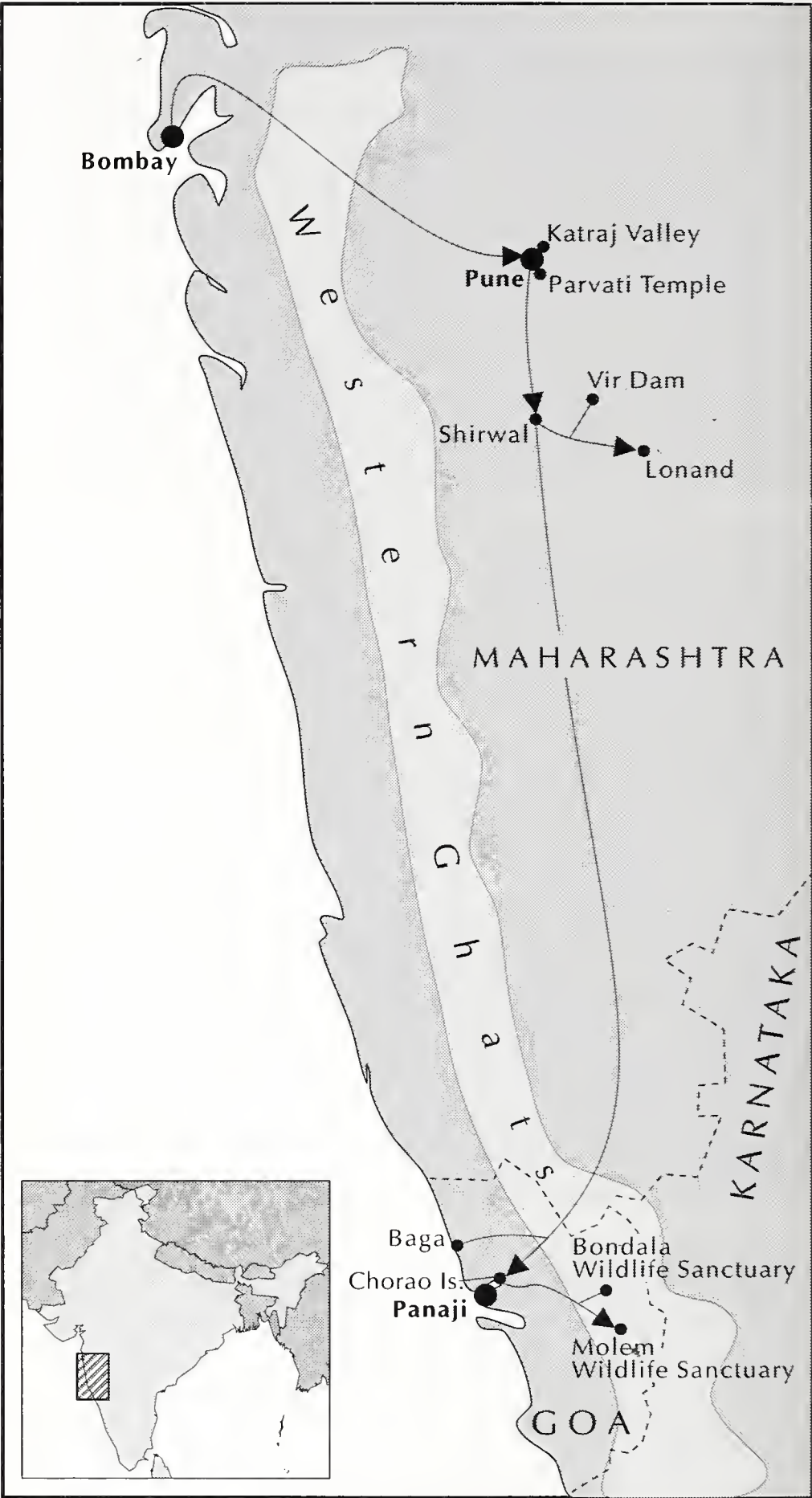
4: Brown Fish-Owl *Ketupa zeylonensis* (Photo: Per Smitterberg)

5: Rufous-tailed Lark *Ammomanes phoenicurus* (Photo: Henk Hendriks)

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Western Ghats 1: Pune and Goa

The former Portuguese colony of Goa on the east coast of India is now a major package holiday destination, and a good tourist infrastructure exists. The idyllic beaches can be used as a base to explore the nearby Western Ghat hills. Combining this with a stay in the Maharashtran city of Pune allows a wide range of South Indian specialities to be seen in a two-week visit. The itinerary could be altered to start and end in Goa.



Pune and Goa – November to February is the best time to visit.

DAY	NOTES		BIRDS
1	Bombay-Pune	Plenty of good accommodation in Pune to use as a base.	
2	Pune: Parvati Temple area	25 minute ride on autorickshaw from train station.	PAINTED FRANCOLIN <i>Francolinus pictus</i> , ROCK BUSH-QUAIL <i>Perdicula argoondah</i> , BARRED BUTTONQUAIL <i>Turnix suscitator</i> , ROCK EAGLE-OWL <i>Bubo bengalensis</i> , WHITE-BELLIED MINIVET <i>Pericrocotus erythropygius</i> , JUNGLE PRINIA <i>Prinia sylvatica</i> , BOOTED WARBLER <i>Hippolais caligata</i> , YELLOWISH-BREASTED WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides nitidus</i> , PURPLE-RUMPED SUNBIRD <i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>

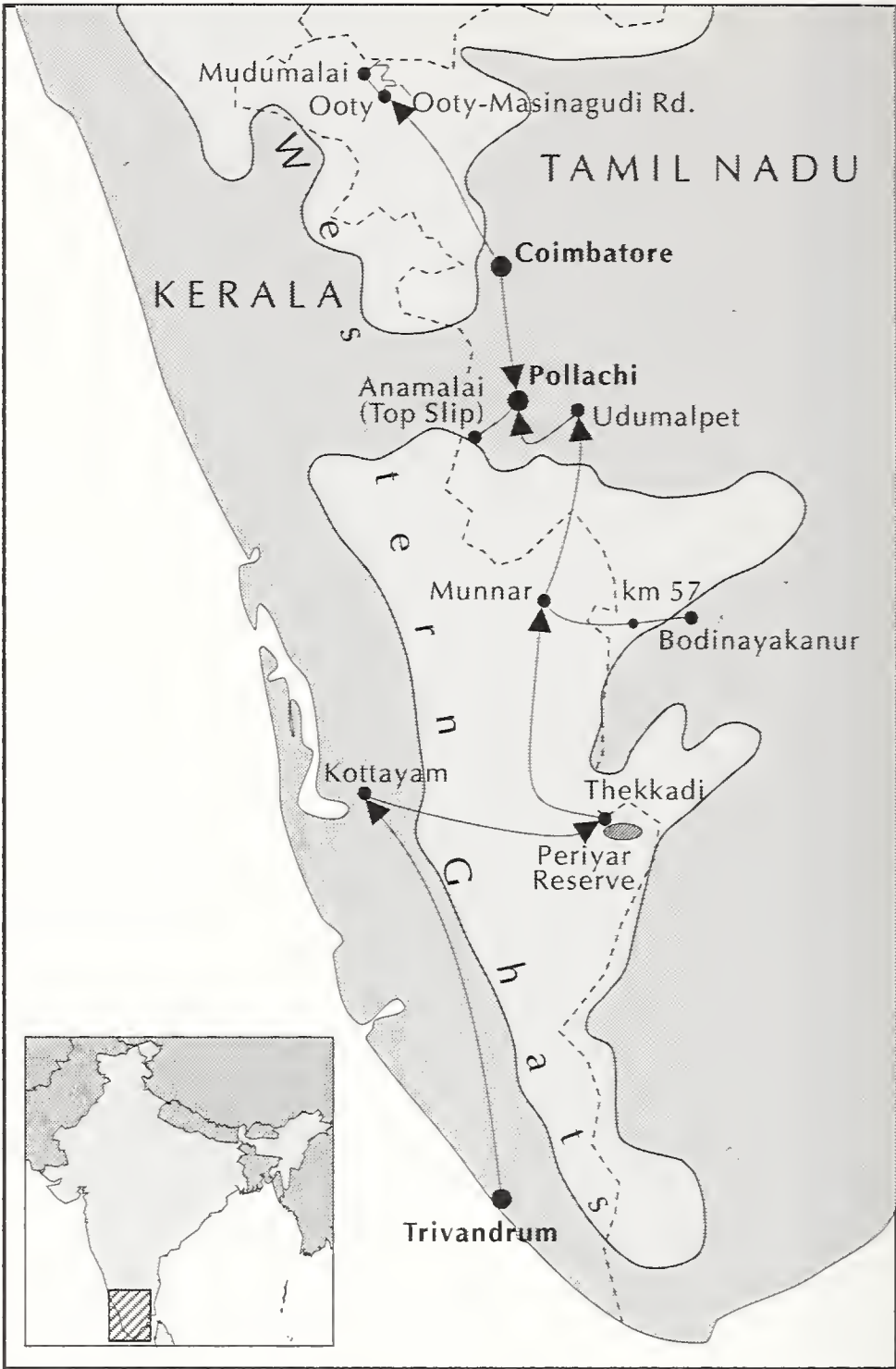
DAY		NOTES	BIRDS
3	Pune: <i>Bus to Katraj Valley</i>	Bus from central bus station.	ROCK BUSH-QUAIL <i>Perdicula argoondah</i> , SHORT-TOED SNAKE-EAGLE <i>Circaetus gallicus</i> , BLUE ROCK-THRUSH <i>Monticola solitarius</i> , SULPHUR-BELLIED WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i> , RUFIOUS-TAILED LARK <i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i> , CITRINE WAGTAIL <i>Motacilla citreola</i> , RED AVADAVAT <i>Amandava amandava</i> , GREY-NECKED BUNTING <i>Emberiza buchanani</i>
4	Pune: Vir Dam <i>Overnight bus to Goa (e.g. Baga)</i>	Vir Dam is reached by bus to Lonand and then by taking a Shirwal bound bus and getting off at Vir. Avoid the dam itself, or expect interest from the military.	DEMOISELLE CRANE <i>Grus virgo</i> , SMALL PRATINCOLE <i>Glareola lactea</i> , RIVER TERN <i>Sterna aurantia</i> , WIRE-TAILED SWALLOW <i>Hirundo smithii</i> , BOOTED WARBLER <i>Hippolais caligata</i> , ASHY-CROWNED SPARROW-LARK <i>Eremopterix grisea</i> , RUFIOUS-TAILED LARK <i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i> , TAWNY LARK <i>Galerida deva</i>
5	Baga	One of several options for a beach base to explore the hills inland.	BROWN FISH-OWL <i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i> , GREATER PAINTED-SNIPE <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> , YELLOW-WATTLED LAPWING <i>Vanellus malabaricus</i> , PIED THRUSH <i>Zoothera wardii</i> , TICKELL'S THRUSH <i>Turdus unicolor</i> , BROWN-BREASTED FLYCATCHER <i>Muscicapa muttui</i> , PADDYFIELD WARBLER <i>Acrocephalus agricola</i> , MALABAR LARK <i>Galerida malabarica</i> , LONG-BILLED SUNBIRD <i>Nectarinia lotenia</i> , LITTLE SPIDERHUNTER <i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>
6	<i>Bus to Molem Wildlife Sanctuary</i>	Bird along rough tracks, especially the one between Molem and Dudhsagar.	RED SPURFOWL <i>Galloperdix spadicea</i> , WHITE-BELLIED WOODPECKER <i>Dryocopus javensis</i> , CRIMSON-FRONTED BARBET <i>Megalaima rubricapilla</i> , MALABAR GREY-HORNBILL <i>Ocyeros griseus</i> , MALABAR PIED-HORNBILL <i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i> , MALABAR TROGON <i>Harpactes fasciatus</i> , BLUE-BEARDED BEE-EATER <i>Nyctornis athertoni</i> , JUNGLE OWLET <i>Glaucidium radiatum</i> , MOUNTAIN IMPERIAL PIGEON <i>Ducula badia</i> , WHITE-BELLIED BLUE-FLYCATCHER <i>Cyornis pallipes</i> , CRIMSON-BACKED SUNBIRD <i>Nectarinia minima</i> , FOREST WAGTAIL <i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
7	Molem		
8	Molem		
9	<i>Bus to Bondala Wildlife Sanctuary</i>		HEART-SPOTTED WOODPECKER <i>Hemicircus canente</i> , BLACK-BACKED KINGFISHER <i>Ceyx erithacus</i> , LARGE HAWK-CUCKOO <i>Cuculus sparveroides</i> , NILGIRI WOOD-PIGEON <i>Columba elphinstonii</i> , BLACK EAGLE <i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i> , MALABAR WHISTLING-THRUSH <i>Myiophonus horsfieldii</i> , INDIAN BLUE ROBIN <i>Luscinia brunnea</i> , GREY-HEADED BULBUL <i>Pycnonotus priocephalus</i> , YELLOW-BROWED BULBUL <i>Iole indica</i> , LONG-BILLED SUNBIRD <i>Nectarinia lotenia</i> ,
10	Bondala		
11	Bondala		
12	Bondala <i>Bus to Panjim</i>		
13	<i>Bus to Ribander ferry to Chorao Island (Dr. Sálím Ali Bird Sanctuary)</i>	Explore pools near ferry landing.	BLACK-CAPPED KINGFISHER <i>Halcyon pileata</i> , COMMON CRANE <i>Grus grus</i> , TEREK SANDPIPER <i>Tringa cinerea</i> , GREAT KNOT <i>Calidris tenuirostris</i> , BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER <i>Limicola falcinellus</i> , RIVER TERN <i>Sterna aurantia</i> , LESSER ADJUTANT <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i> , ASHY-CROWNED SPARROW-LARK <i>Eremopterix grisea</i>
14	<i>train to Jaipur, onward train to Delhi</i>		

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Western Ghats 2: Kerala and Tamil Nadu

This 3-week itinerary takes in all the sites which together support all of southern India's 23 endemic birds. As with NW India, most sites are easily accessed by public transport, though private transport (taxis) can be arranged. This and the previous itinerary can readily be extended to include a visit to Sri Lanka.

A visit over the winter period (December - March) is recommended to avoid the soaring temperatures and humidity of the monsoon.



DAY	NOTES		BIRDS
1	Trivandrum. Bus to Thekkadi, base for Periyar Tiger Reserve		
2	Periyar	Limited accom. can be found inside the park. If staying outside, hire a bicycle or take an auto-rickshaw to the reserve. Boat trips offer a first class opportunity to see mammals such as Asian Elephant <i>Elephas maximus</i> , Gaur <i>Bos gaurus</i> and Dhole <i>Cuon alpinus</i> . Tiger <i>Panthera tigris</i> is a slim possibility here.	RED SPURFOWL <i>Galloperdix spadicea</i> , HEART-SPOTTED WOODPECKER <i>Hemicircus canente</i> , CRIMSON-FRONTED BARBET <i>Megalaima rubricapilla</i> , MALABAR GREY-HORNBILL <i>Ocyceros griseus</i> , GREAT HORNBILL <i>Buceros bicornis</i> , MALABAR TROGON <i>Harpactes fasciatus</i> , MALABAR PARAKEET <i>Psittacula columboides</i> , WHITE-RUMPED SPINETAIL <i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i> , JUNGLE OWLET <i>Glaucidium radiatum</i> , INDIAN PITTA <i>Pitta brachyura</i> , WHITE-BELLIED TREEPIE <i>Dendrocitta leucogastra</i> , BLACK-HEADED CUCKOO-SHRIKE <i>Coracina melanoptera</i> , MALABAR WHISTLING-THRUSH <i>Myiophonus horsfieldii</i> , ORANGE-HEADED THRUSH <i>Zoothera citrina</i> , RUSTY-TAILED FLYCATCHER <i>Muscicapa ruficauda</i> , BROWN-BREASTED FLYCATCHER <i>Muscicapa muttui</i> , BLACK-AND-RUFIOUS FLYCATCHER <i>Ficedula nigrorufa</i> (scarce), WHITE-BELLIED BLUE-FLYCATCHER <i>Cyornis pallipes</i> , TICKELL'S BLUE-FLYCATCHER <i>Cyornis tickelliae</i> , BLACK-LORED TIT <i>Parus xanthogenys</i> , WHITE-BROWED BULBUL <i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i> , YELLOWISH-BREASTED WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides nitidus</i> , WESTERN CROWNED-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i> , WYNAAD LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax delesserti</i> , INDIAN SCIMITAR-BABBLER <i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i> , DARK-FRONTED BABBLER <i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i> , RUFOUS BABBLER <i>Turdoides subrufus</i> , BROWN-CHEEKED FULVETTA <i>Alcippe poioicephala</i> , THICK-BILLED FLOWERPECKER <i>Dicaeum agile</i> , LONG-BILLED SUNBIRD <i>Nectarinia lotenia</i>
3	Periyar		
4	Bus to Pollachi.		

DAY		NOTES	BIRDS
5	Rajamalai	Use Munnar as a base where adequate accommodation is available and visit the site by bus or taxi. The area between the checkpoints here holds Nilgiri Tahr <i>Hermitragus hylocrius</i> .	GREY JUNGLEFOWL <i>Gallus sonneratii</i> , NILGIRI WOOD-PIGEON <i>Columba elphinstonii</i> , BONELLI'S EAGLE <i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i> , CHANGEABLE HAWK-EAGLE <i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i> , BLUE ROCK-THRUSH <i>Monticola solitarius</i> , MALABAR WHISTLING-THRUSH <i>Myiophonus horsfieldii</i> , WHITE-BELLIED SHORTWING <i>Brachypteryx major</i> , NILGIRI FLYCATCHER <i>Eumyias albicaudata</i> , HILL SWALLOW <i>Hirundo domicola</i> , TYTLER'S LEAF-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus tytleri</i> , GREY-BREASTED LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax jerdoni</i> , NILGIRI PIPIT <i>Anthus nilghiriensis</i>
6	Rajamalai		
7	Bus towards Bodinayakanur, to site 57km from Munnar	Roadside scrub c 57km from Munnar. Take a bus towards Bodinayakanur ('Bodi') and get off at the post marking 13km from Bodi.	JUNGLE BUSH-QUAIL <i>Perdica asiatica</i> , RED SPURFOWL <i>Galloperdix spadicea</i> , BLUE-FACED MALKOHA <i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i> , SIRKEER MALKOHA <i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i> , GREY-HEADED BULBUL <i>Pycnonotus priocephalus</i> , YELLOW-THROATED BULBUL <i>Pycnonotus xantholaemus</i> , WHITE-BROWED BULBUL <i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i> , PURPLE-RUMPED SUNBIRD <i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>
8	Bus to Pollachi. Onward bus to Top Slip (Anamalai/ Indira Ghandi National Park)	Try and book accommodation in Pollachi, as turning up on spec can result in difficulties.	
9	Top Slip – Karian Shola	Basic accom. is available, and a small shop provides food. Anagunti Shola is the site for the endangered Lion-tailed Macaque <i>Macaca silenus</i> . Hiring a guide is necessary to reach Anagunti Shola.	RED SPURFOWL <i>Galloperdix spadicea</i> , GREY JUNGLEFOWL <i>Gallus sonneratii</i> , HEART-SPOTTED WOODPECKER <i>Hemicircus canente</i> , CRIMSON-FRONTED BARBET <i>Megalaima rubricapilla</i> , MALABAR GREY-HORNBILL <i>Ocyceros griseus</i> , GREAT HORNBILL <i>Buceros bicornis</i> , MALABAR TROGON <i>Harpactes fasciatus</i> , BLUE-BEARDED BEE-EATER <i>Nyctyornis athertoni</i> , CHESTNUT-WINGED CUCKOO <i>Clamator coromandus</i> , BLUE-FACED MALKOHA <i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i> , VERNAL HANGING-PARROT <i>Loriculus vernalis</i> , MALABAR PARAKEET <i>Psittacula columboides</i> , BROWN-BACKED NEEDLETAIL <i>Hirundapus giganteus</i> , ORIENTAL SCOPS-OWL <i>Otus sunia</i> , INDIAN SCOPS-OWL <i>Otus bakkamoena</i> , SPOT-BELLIED EAGLE-OWL <i>Bubo nipalensis</i> , BROWN HAWK-OWL <i>Ninox scutulata</i> , CEYLON FROGMOUTH <i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i> , JERDON'S NIGHTJAR <i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i> , POMPADOUR GREEN-PIGEON <i>Treron pompadora</i> , BLACK BAZA <i>Aviceda leuphotes</i> , CHANGEABLE HAWK-EAGLE <i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i> (crested subspecies), INDIAN PITTA <i>Pitta brachyura</i> , WHITE-BELLIED TREEPIE <i>Dendrocitta leucogastra</i> , MALABAR WHISTLING-THRUSH <i>Myiophonus horsfieldii</i> , ORANGE-HEADED THRUSH <i>Zoothera citrina</i> , RUSTY-TAILED FLYCATCHER <i>Muscicapa ruficauda</i> , BROWN-BREASTED FLYCATCHER <i>Muscicapa muttui</i> , WHITE-BELLIED BLUE-FLYCATCHER <i>Cyornis pallipes</i> , BLUE-THROATED FLYCATCHER <i>Cyornis rubeculoides</i> , BLACK-CRESTED BULBUL <i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i> , YELLOW-BROWED BULBUL <i>Iole indica</i> , YELLOWISH-BREASTED WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides nitidus</i> , WESTERN CROWNED-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i> , <i>continued</i>
10	Top Slip – Anagunti Shola		
11	Top Slip – Karian Shola		

DAY	NOTES		BIRDS
			WYNAAD LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax delesserti</i> , DARK-FRONTED BABBLER <i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i> , RUFOUS BABBLER <i>Turdoides subrufus</i> , CRIMSON-BACKED SUNBIRD <i>Nectarinia minima</i> , LITTLE SPIDERHUNTER <i>Arachnothera longirostra</i> , BLACK-THROATED MUNIA <i>Lonchura kelaarti</i>
12	Bus to Pollachi. Onward bus to Coimbatore		
13	Bus to Mudumalai		
14	Mudumalai	Book accom. in advance if possible, but dormitory accommodation at least is likely to be available. Elephants <i>Elephas maximus</i> are easily seen, and Gaur <i>Bos gaurus</i> is also quite common.	RED SPURFOWL <i>Galloperdix spadicea</i> , GREY JUNGLEFOWL <i>Gallus sonneratii</i> , WHITE-BELLIED WOODPECKER <i>Dryocopus javensis</i> , STREAK-THROATED WOODPECKER <i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i> , HEART-SPOTTED WOODPECKER <i>Hemicircus canente</i> , PLUM-HEADED PARAKEET <i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i> , MALABAR PARAKEET <i>Psittacula columboides</i> , INDIAN SWIFTLET <i>Collocalia unicolor</i> , WHITE-RUMPED SPINETAIL <i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i> , JUNGLE OWLET <i>Glaucidium radiatum</i> , RED-HEADED VULTURE <i>Sarcogyps calvus</i> , BLACK EAGLE <i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i> , BLACK-HEADED CUCKOO-SHRIKE <i>Coracina melanoptera</i> , ROSY STARLING <i>Sturnus roseus</i> , GREY-HEADED BULBUL <i>Pycnonotus priocephalus</i> , YELLOW-BROWED BULBUL <i>Iole indica</i> , YELLOWISH-BREASTED WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides nitidus</i> , INDIAN SCIMITAR-BABBLER <i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i> , RUFOUS BABBLER <i>Turdoides subrufus</i> , MALABAR LARK <i>Galerida malabarica</i> , PALE-BILLED FLOWERPECKER <i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
15	Bus to Uthagamandalam ('Ooty')		
16	Ooty	Plenty of excellent accommodation is available in this hill resort. It can be cold at night and early morning.	GREY JUNGLEFOWL <i>Gallus sonneratii</i> , WHITE-CHEEKED BARBET <i>Megalaima viridis</i> , INDIAN SWIFTLET <i>Collocalia unicolor</i> , NILGIRI WOOD-PIGEON <i>Columba elphinstonii</i> , INDIAN PITTA <i>Pitta brachyura</i> , BLUE-CAPPED ROCK-THRUSH <i>Monticola cinclorhynchus</i> , SCALY THRUSH <i>Zoothera dauma</i> , WHITE-BELLIED SHORTWING <i>Brachypteryx major</i> , KASHMIR FLYCATCHER <i>Ficedula subrubra</i> , BLACK-AND-RUFIOUS FLYCATCHER <i>Ficedula nigrorufa</i> , NILGIRI FLYCATCHER <i>Eumyias albicaudata</i> , INDIAN BLUE ROBIN <i>Luscinia brunnea</i> , BLACK-LORED TIT <i>Parus xanthogenys</i> , HILL SWALLOW <i>Hirundo dumicola</i> , TICKELL'S LEAF-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus affinis</i> , LARGE-BILLED LEAF-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i> , WESTERN CROWNED-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i> , RUFOUS-BREASTED LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax cachinnans</i> , INDIAN SCIMITAR-BABBLER <i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i> , BROWN-CHEEKED FULVETTA <i>Alcippe poiocephala</i> , MALABAR LARK <i>Galerida malabarica</i> , FOREST WAGTAIL <i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
17	Ooty		
18	Ooty to Masingunadi road	Use buses, walk and hitch to bird along the road.	GREY FRANCOLIN <i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i> , PAINTED BUSH-QUAIL <i>Perdica erythrorhyncha</i> , GREY JUNGLEFOWL <i>Gallus sonneratii</i> , BROWN-CAPPED WOODPECKER <i>Dendrocopos nanus</i> , YELLOW-CROWNED WOODPECKER <i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i> , WHITE-NAPED WOODPECKER <i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i> , BLUE-FACED MALKOHA <i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i> , MALABAR PARAKEET <i>Psittacula columboides</i> , INDIAN SWIFTLET <i>Collocalia unicolor</i> , SPOTTED OWLET <i>Athene brama</i> , POMPADOUR GREEN-PIGEON <i>Treron pompadora</i> , INDIAN PITTA <i>Pitta brachyura</i> , BLACK-HEADED CUCKOO-SHRIKE <i>Coracina melanoptera</i> , WHITE-BELLIED MINIVET <i>Pericrocotus erythropygius</i> , WHITE-BROWED FANTAIL <i>Rhipidura aureola</i> , BLUE-CAPPED ROCK-THRUSH <i>Monticola cinclorhynchus</i> , NILGIRI FLYCATCHER <i>Eumyias albicaudata</i> , INDIAN ROBIN <i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i> , CHESTNUT-BELLIED NUTHATCH <i>Sitta castanea</i> , GREY-HEADED BULBUL <i>Pycnonotus priocephalus</i> , WHITE-BROWED BULBUL <i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i> , YELLOW-BROWED BULBUL <i>Iole indica</i> , BOOTED WARBLER <i>Hippolais caligata</i> , YELLOWISH-BREASTED WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides nitidus</i> , WESTERN CROWNED-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i> , TAWNY-BELLIED BABBLER <i>Dumetia hyperythra</i> , YELLOW-BILLED BABBLER <i>Turdoides affinis</i> , BROWN-CHEEKED FULVETTA <i>Alcippe poiocephala</i> , THICK-BILLED FLOWERPECKER <i>Dicaeum agile</i> , PURPLE-RUMPED SUNBIRD <i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>
19	Ooty - Trivandrum		

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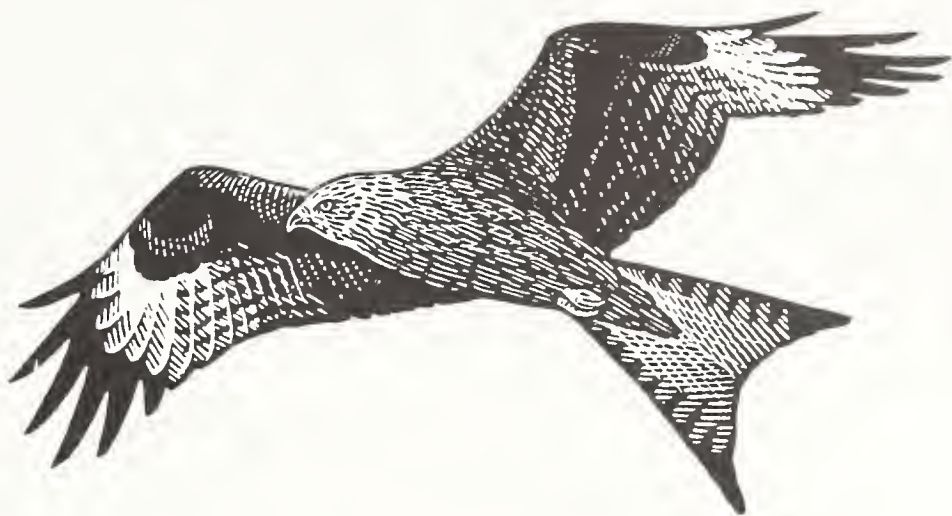


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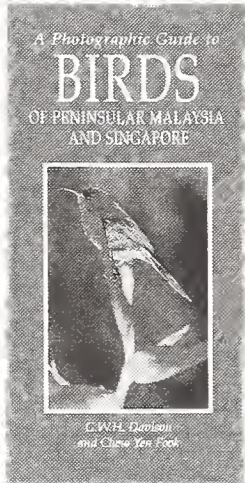


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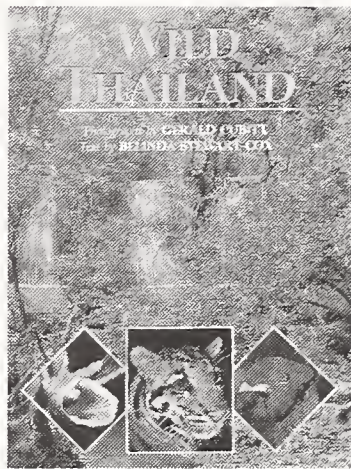


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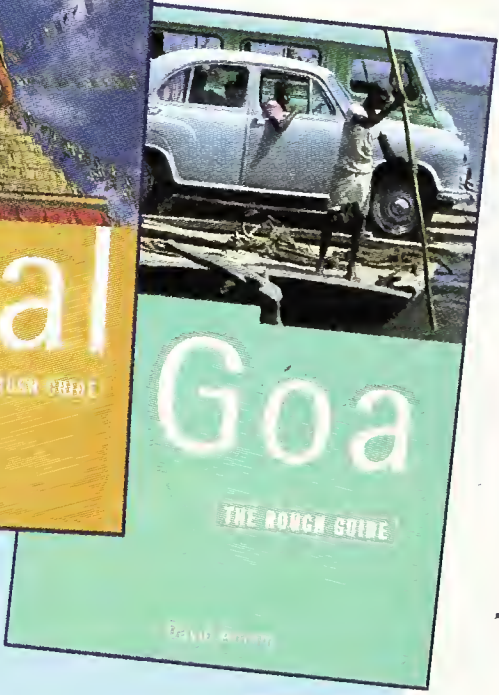
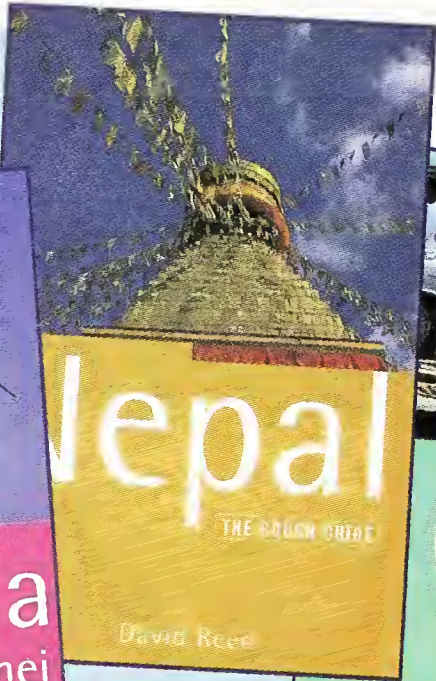
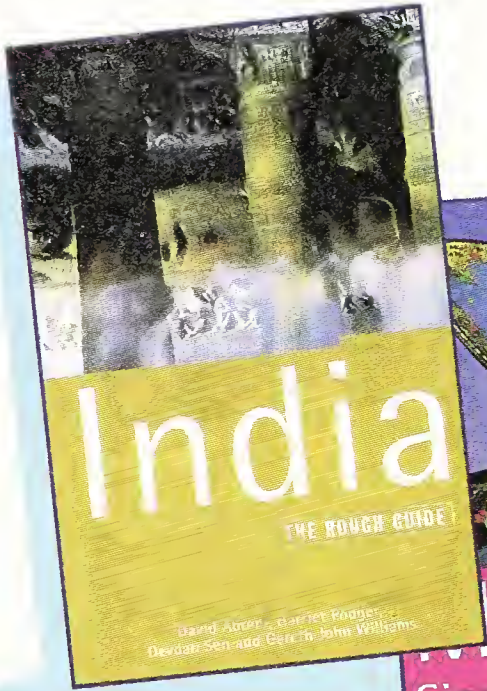
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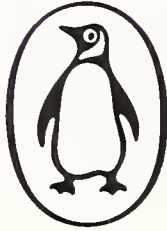
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4 Darjeeling

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Darjeeling – A visit in early spring is recommended.



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1	Bus from Bagdogra (airport) or Siliguri to Darjeeling	
2	Darjeeling Zoo	SCALY THRUSH <i>Zoothera dauma</i> , GREY-WINGED BLACKBIRD <i>Turdus boulboul</i> , WHITE-TAILED ROBIN <i>Cinclidium leucurum</i> , PYGMY WREN-BABBLER <i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i> , RUFOUS-CAPPED BABBLER <i>Stachyris ruficeps</i> , SILVER-EARED MESIA <i>Leiothrix argentauris</i> , RED-BILLED LEIOTHRIX <i>Leiothrix lutea</i> , RED-TAILED MINLA <i>Minla ignotincta</i> , GOULD'S SUNBIRD <i>Aethopyga gouldiae</i> , MAROON-BACKED ACCENTOR <i>Prunella immaculata</i>
3	Bus or jeep to Tiger Hill Day visit from Darjeeling.	SATYR TRAGOPAN <i>Tragopan satyra</i> , WHITE-THROATED NEEDLETAIL <i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i> , FORK-TAILED SWIFT <i>Apus pacificus</i> , GOLD-BILLED MAGPIE <i>Urocissa flavirostris</i> , CHESTNUT-BELLIED ROCK-THRUSH <i>Monticola rufiventris</i> , WHITE-COLLARED BLACKBIRD <i>Turdus albocinctus</i> , WHITE-BROWED SHORTWING <i>Brachypteryx montana</i> , FERRUGINOUS FLYCATCHER <i>Muscicapa ferruginea</i> , SAPPHIRE FLYCATCHER <i>Ficedula sapphira</i> , LARGE NILTAVA <i>Niltava grandis</i> , GOLDEN BUSH-ROBIN <i>Tarsiger chrysaeus</i> , WHITE-BROWED BUSH-ROBIN <i>Tarsiger indicus</i> , continued

DAY		NOTES	BIRDS
12	Tiger Hill continued		ABERRANT BUSH-WARBLER <i>Cettia flavolivacea</i> , BROAD-BILLED WARBLER <i>Tickellia hodgsoni</i> , SCALY LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax subunicolor</i> , SLENDER-BILLED SCIMITAR-BABBLER <i>Xiphirhynchus superciliaris</i> , RUFOUS-THROATED WREN-BABBLER <i>Spelaeornis caudatus</i> , BLACK-HEADED SHRIKE-BABBLER <i>Pteruthius rufiventer</i> , RUSTY-FRONTED BARWING <i>Actinodura egertoni</i> , HOARY-THROATED BARWING <i>Actinodura nipalensis</i> , RED-TAILED MINLA <i>Minla ignotincta</i> , GOLDEN-BREASTED FULVETTA <i>Alcippe chrysotis</i> , GREY-HEADED PARROTBILL <i>Paradoxornis gularis</i> (occasional?), BLACK-THROATED PARROTBILL <i>Paradoxornis nipalensis</i> , MAROON-BACKED ACCENTOR <i>Prunella immaculata</i> , DARK-BREASTED ROSEFINCH <i>Carpodacus nipalensis</i> , DARK-RUMPED ROSEFINCH <i>Carpodacus edwardsii</i> , GOLD-NAPED FINCH <i>Pyrrhoptes epauletta</i>
4	SANDAKPHU TREK Bus or jeep from Darjeeling to Manebhanjang. Walk from here to Megma	Food and accommodation should be available in basic lodges, but check as you go.	HILL PARTRIDGE <i>Arborophila torqueola</i> , BLOOD PHEASANT <i>Ithaginis cruentus</i> , SATYR TRAGOPAN <i>Tragopan satyra</i> , KALIJ PHEASANT <i>Lophura leucomelanos</i> , CRIMSON-BREASTED WOODPECKER <i>Dendrocopos cathpharius</i> , DARJEELING WOODPECKER <i>Dendrocopos darjellensis</i> , BARRED CUCKOO-DOVE <i>Macropygia unchall</i> , SPOTTED NUTCRACKER <i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i> , PLAIN-BACKED THRUSH <i>Zoothera mollissima</i> , SCALY THRUSH <i>Zoothera dauma</i> , LONG-BILLED THRUSH <i>Zoothera monticola</i> , WHITE-COLLARED BLACKBIRD <i>Turdus albocinctus</i> , RUSTY-BELLIED SHORTWING <i>Brachypteryx hyperythra</i> (one old record from 1912), WHITE-BROWED SHORTWING <i>Brachypteryx montana</i> , FERRUGINOUS FLYCATCHER <i>Muscicapa ferruginea</i> , ORANGE-FLANKED BUSH-ROBIN <i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i> , GOLDEN BUSH-ROBIN <i>Tarsiger chrysaeus</i> , WHITE-BROWED BUSH-ROBIN <i>Tarsiger indicus</i> , HODGSON'S REDSTART <i>Phoenicurus hodgsoni</i> , WHITE-TAILED ROBIN <i>Cinclidium leucurum</i> , BLUE-FRONTED ROBIN <i>Cinclidium frontale</i> (rare), RUSTY-FLANKED TREE-CREEPER <i>Certhia nipalensis</i> , BROWN-THROATED TREE-CREEPER <i>Certhia discolor</i> , BLACK-BROWED TIT <i>Aegithalos iouschistos</i> , YELLOWISH-BELLIED BUSH-WARBLER <i>Cettia robustipes</i> , GREY-SIDED BUSH-WARBLER <i>Cettia brunnifrons</i> , LARGE-BILLED LEAF-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i> , BROAD-BILLED WARBLER <i>Tickellia hodgsoni</i> , SPOTTED LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax ocellatus</i> , SCALY LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax subunicolor</i> , BLACK-FACED LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax affinis</i> , STREAK-BREASTED SCIMITAR-BABBLER <i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i> , SLENDER-BILLED SCIMITAR-BABBLER <i>Xiphirhynchus superciliaris</i> , BLACK-HEADED SHRIKE-BABBLER <i>Pteruthius rufiventer</i> , GREEN SHRIKE-BABBLER <i>Pteruthius xanthochlorus</i> , RED-TAILED MINLA <i>Minla ignotincta</i> , GOLDEN-BREASTED FULVETTA <i>Alcippe chrysotis</i> , FIRE-TAILED MYZORNIS <i>Myzornis pyrrhoura</i> , GREAT PARROTBILL <i>Conostoma oemodium</i> , BROWN PARROTBILL <i>Paradoxornis unicolor</i> , FULVOUS PARROTBILL <i>Paradoxornis fulvifrons</i> , BLACK-THROATED PARROTBILL <i>Paradoxornis nipalensis</i> , FIRE-TAILED SUNBIRD <i>Aethopyga ignicauda</i> , ROSY PIPIT <i>Anthus roseatus</i> , RUFOUS-BREASTED ACCENTOR <i>Prunella strophiaata</i> , MAROON-BACKED ACCENTOR <i>Prunella immaculata</i> , PLAIN MOUNTAIN-FINCH <i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i> , DARK-BREASTED ROSEFINCH <i>Carpodacus nipalensis</i> , DARK-RUMPED ROSEFINCH <i>Carpodacus edwardsii</i> , BROWN BULLFINCH <i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i> , GOLD-NAPED FINCH <i>Pyrrhoptes epauletta</i>
5	Walk to Kalipokhari		
6	Walk to Sandakphu		
7	Sandakphu		
8	Walk to Kalipokhari		
9	Walk to Megma	Alternatively, walk to Rimbik from Kalipokhari, and get a bus from here back to Darjeeling.	
10	Walk to Manebhanjang, then bus or jeep to Darjeeling		
11	Bus from Darjeeling to Kalimpong. Bus or taxi on to Algarah. Carry on to Lava if possible, or stay overnight in Algarah.	No official accommodation is available in Algarah, but locals may help.	

DAY		NOTES	BIRDS
12	Lava	Accommodation is available in the Forest Rest House, but this is not always available. Otherwise enquire in tea-shops in the village. Explore any remnant forest patches around the village.	KALIJ PHEASANT <i>Lophura leucomelanos</i> , DARJEELING WOODPECKER <i>Dendrocopos darjellensis</i> , BAY WOODPECKER <i>Blythipicus pyrrhotis</i> , LESSER CUCKOO <i>Cuculus poliocephalus</i> , HIMALAYAN SWIFTLET <i>Collocalia brevirostris</i> , BARRED CUCKOO-DOVE <i>Macropygia unchall</i> , BLACK EAGLE <i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i> , SHORT-BILLED MINIVET <i>Pericrocotus brevirostris</i> , GREY-WINGED BLACKBIRD <i>Turdus bouboul</i> , WHITE-BROWED SHORTWING <i>Brachypteryx montana</i> , DARK-SIDED FLYCATCHER <i>Muscicapa sibirica</i> , WHITE-GORGETED FLYCATCHER <i>Ficedula monileger</i> , LITTLE PIED FLYCATCHER <i>Ficedula westermanni</i> , SAPPHIRE FLYCATCHER <i>Ficedula sapphira</i> , PYGMY BLUE-FLYCATCHER <i>Muscicapella hodgsoni</i> , WHITE-TAILED ROBIN <i>Cinclidium leucurum</i> , BLUE-FRONTED ROBIN <i>Cinclidium frontale</i> , YELLOW-CHEEKED TIT <i>Parus spilonotus</i> , HILL PRINIA <i>Prinia atrogularis</i> , BROWNISH-FLANKED BUSH-WARBLER <i>Cettia fortipes</i> , GREY-CHEEKED WARBLER <i>Seicercus poliogenys</i> , GREY-SIDED LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax caeruleus</i> , BLUE-WINGED LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax squamatus</i> , SCALY LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax subunicolor</i> , RED-FACED LIOCICHLA <i>Liocichla phoenicea</i> , PYGMY WREN-BABBLER <i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i> , RUFOUS-THROATED WREN-BABBLER <i>Spelaornis caudatus</i> , CUTIA <i>Cutia nipalensis</i> , BLACK-HEADED SHRIKE-BABBLER <i>Pteruthius rufiventer</i> , WHITE-BROWED SHRIKE-BABBLER <i>Pteruthius flaviscapis</i> , BLACK-EARED SHRIKE-BABBLER <i>Pteruthius melanotis</i> , RUSTY-FRONTED BARWING <i>Actinodura egertoni</i> , RED-TAILED MINLA <i>Minla ignotincta</i> , YELLOW-THROATED FULVETTA <i>Alcippe cinerea</i> , WHITE-NAPED YUHINA <i>Yuhina bakeri</i> , SCARLET FINCH <i>Haematospiza sipahi</i> , BROWN BULLFINCH <i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i> , GOLD-NAPED FINCH <i>Pyrrhoptes epauletta</i>
13	Lava		
14	Lava		
15	Lava		
16	Buses to Darjeeling		

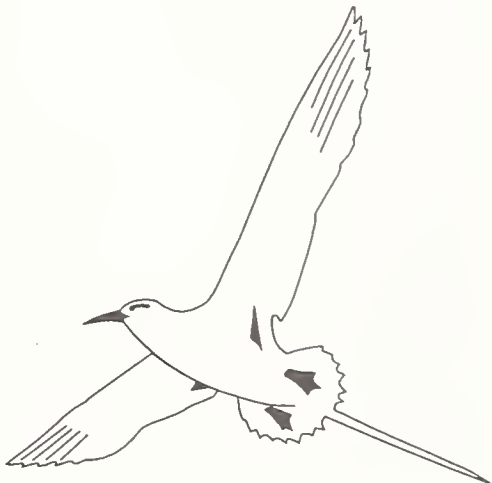


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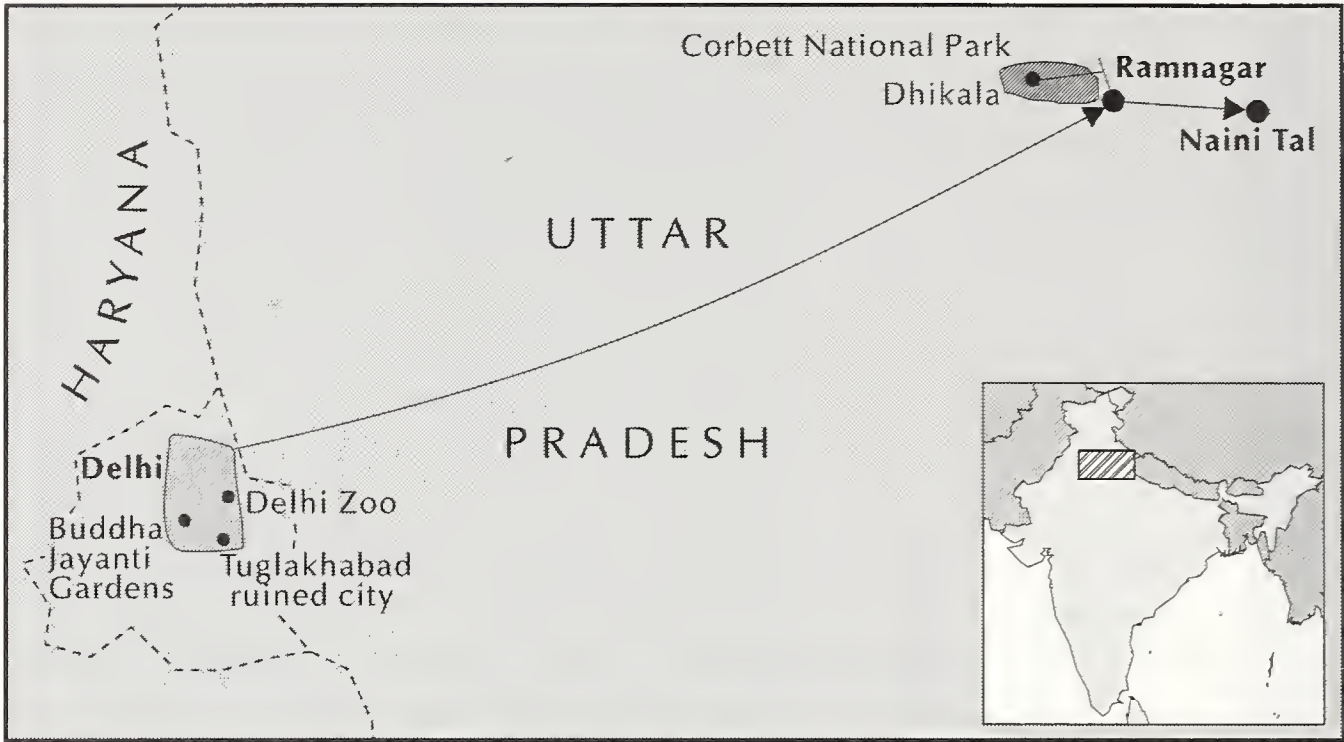
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Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

A visit to Delhi can be combined with a trip to the Himalayan foothills of Naini Tal and the famous Corbett National Park. Corbett offers the opportunity to see Tiger *Panthera tigris* as well as wide variety of birds, but sightings of the former are not common. At Naini Tal a selection of species typical of the western Himalayas can be seen that are hard to see in the adjacent areas of Nepal due to access difficulties.



The sprawling metropolis of New and Old Delhi surprisingly contains some excellent sites for birds.

DAY		NOTES	BIRDS
1	Autorickshaw to Delhi Zoo and Purana Qila Fort	Abundant accommodation to suit most tastes is available in Delhi.	INDIAN PEAFOWL <i>Pavo cristatus</i> , BROWN-HEADED BARBET <i>Megalaima zeylanica</i> , EURASIAN THICK-KNEE <i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i> , LITTLE CORMORANT <i>Phalacrocorax niger</i> , INDIAN CORMORANT <i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i> , GREAT WHITE PELICAN <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> , PAINTED STORK <i>Mycteria leucocephala</i> , INDIAN ROBIN <i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i> , BRAHMINY STARLING <i>Sturnus pagodarum</i> , DUSKY CRAG-MARTIN <i>Hirundo concolor</i> , STREAK-THROATED SWALLOW <i>Hirundo fluvicola</i> , PLAIN PRINIA <i>Prinia inornata</i> , YELLOW-EYED BABBLER <i>Chrysomma sinense</i> , COMMON BABBLER <i>Turdoides caudatus</i> , JUNGLE BABBLER <i>Turdoides striatus</i> , STREAKED WEAVER <i>Ploceus manyar</i> , RED AVADAVAT <i>Amandava amandava</i>
2	Autorickshaw to Buddha Jayanti Gardens and Delhi Ridge		GREY FRANCOLIN <i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i> , SMALL BUTTONQUAIL <i>Turnix sylvatica</i> , BARRED BUTTONQUAIL <i>Turnix suscitator</i> , SIRKEER MALKOHA <i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i> , LONG-BILLED VULTURE <i>Gyps indicus</i> , SHIKRA <i>Accipiter badius</i> , BAY-BACKED SHRIKE <i>Lanius vittatus</i> , RUFOUS TREEPIE <i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i> , SMALL MINIVET <i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i> , INDIAN ROBIN <i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i> , RUFOUS-FRONTED PRINIA <i>Prinia buchanani</i> , BROOKS'S LEAF-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus subviridis</i> , YELLOW-EYED BABBLER <i>Chrysomma sinense</i> , LARGE GREY BABBLER <i>Turdoides malcolmi</i> , ROCK BUNTING <i>Emberiza cia</i> , CHESTNUT-BREASTED BUNTING <i>Emberiza stewarti</i>
3	am bus or taxi to Tuglakhabad Ruined City. pm bus to Ramnagar (overnight)		SIRKEER MALKOHA <i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i> , ROCK EAGLE-OWL <i>Bubo bengalensis</i> , YELLOW-WATTLED LAPWING <i>Vanellus malabaricus</i> , BAY-BACKED SHRIKE <i>Lanius vittatus</i> , WHITE-TAILED LORA <i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i> , ORANGE-HEADED THRUSH <i>Zoothera citrina</i> , VARIABLE WHEATEAR <i>Oenanthe picata</i> , INDIAN CHAT <i>Cercomela fusca</i> , RUFOUS-FRONTED PRINIA <i>Prinia buchanani</i> , JUNGLE PRINIA <i>Prinia sylvatica</i> , SULPHUR-BELLIED WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i> , BROOKS'S LEAF-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus subviridis</i> , ORPHEAN WARBLER <i>Sylvia hortensis</i> , ASHY-CROWNED SPARROW-LARK <i>Eremopterix grisea</i> , LONG-BILLED PIPIT <i>Anthus similis</i> , RED AVADAVAT <i>Amandava amandava</i> ,

DAY		NOTES	BIRDS
4	Bus from Ramnagar to Dhikala (Corbett)	Visit the Project Tiger reception in Ramnagar to get a permit and to book accommodation.	
5	Corbett	Accommodation and food are available in the Dhikala compound. Access on foot is restricted. Hire a jeep if possible, or go on Elephant rides. Tiger <i>Panthera tigris</i> sightings are quite rare.	STREAK-THROATED WOODPECKER <i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i> , HIMALAYAN FLAMEBACK <i>Dinopium shorii</i> , SLATY-HEADED PARAKEET <i>Psittacula himalayana</i> , BROWN FISH-OWL <i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i> , TAWNY FISH-OWL <i>Ketupa flavipes</i> , GREAT THICK-KNEE <i>Burhinus recurvirostris</i> , PALLAS'S SEA-EAGLE <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> , LESSER FISH-EAGLE <i>Ichthyophaga humilis</i> , WHITE-EYED BUZZARD <i>Butastur teesa</i> , COLLARED FALCONET <i>Microhierax caerulescens</i> , TICKELL'S LEAF-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus affinis</i> , CHESTNUT-EARED BUNTING <i>Emberiza fucata</i>
6	Corbett		
7	Corbett		
8	Bus to Ramnagar, onward bus to Naini Tal		
9	Naini Tal	Plenty of accommodation is available in Naini Tal. Explore surrounding areas on foot or by taxi.	BROWN-FRONTED WOODPECKER <i>Dendrocopos auriceps</i> , HIMALAYAN WOODPECKER <i>Dendrocopos himalayensis</i> , SCALY-BELLIED WOODPECKER <i>Picus squamatus</i> , ORIENTAL TURTLE-DOVE <i>Streptopelia orientalis</i> , LAMMERGEIER <i>Gypaetus barbatus</i> , HIMALAYAN GRIFFON <i>Gyps himalayensis</i> , BLACK EAGLE <i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i> , BLACK-HEADED JAY <i>Garrulus lanceolatus</i> , RED-BILLED MAGPIE <i>Urocissa erythrorhyncha</i> , MAROON ORIOLE <i>Oriolus traillii</i> , CHESTNUT-BELLIED ROCK-THRUSH <i>Monticola rufiventris</i> , PLAIN-BACKED THRUSH <i>Zoothera mollissima</i> , CHESTNUT THRUSH <i>Turdus rubrocanus</i> , DARK-THROATED THRUSH <i>Turdus ruficollis</i> , RUFOUS-GORGETED FLYCATCHER <i>Ficedula strophciata</i> , ORANGE-FLANKED BUSH-ROBIN <i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i> , GOLDEN BUSH-ROBIN <i>Tarsiger chrysaeus</i> , BLUE-FRONTED REDSTART <i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i> , SPOTTED FORKTAIL <i>Enicurus maculatus</i> , BAR-TAILED TREE-CREEPER <i>Certhia himalayana</i> , FIRE-CAPPED TIT <i>Cephalopyrus flammiceps</i> , BLACK-CRESTED TIT <i>Parus melanolophus</i> , YELLOW-BROWED TIT <i>Sylviparus modestus</i> , BROWNISH-FLANKED BUSH-WARBLER <i>Cettia fortipes</i> , TICKELL'S LEAF-WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus affinis</i> , WHITE-THROATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax albogularis</i> , STREAKED LAUGHINGTHRUSH <i>Garrulax lineatus</i> , RUSTY-CHEEKED SCIMITAR-BABBLER <i>Pomatorhinus erythrogenys</i> , GREEN SHRIKE-BABBLER <i>Pteruthius xanthochlorus</i> , RUSSET SPARROW <i>Passer rutilans</i> , RUFOUS-STREAKED ACCENTOR <i>Prunella himalayana</i> , RUFOUS-BREASTED ACCENTOR <i>Prunella strophciata</i> , BLACK-THROATED ACCENTOR <i>Prunella atrogularis</i> , PLAIN MOUNTAIN-FINCH <i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i> , SPECTACLED FINCH <i>Callacanthus burtoni</i> , DARK-BREASTED ROSEFINCH <i>Carpodacus nipalensis</i> , PINK-BROWED ROSEFINCH <i>Carpodacus rodochrous</i> , VINACEOUS ROSEFINCH <i>Carpodacus vinaceus</i> , ROCK BUNTING <i>Emberiza cia</i>
10	Naini Tal		
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12	Naini Tal		
13	train to Jaipur, onward train to Delhi		



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Birds of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan

- 1: Indian Pond-Heron *Ardeola grayii* (Photo: Patrick Beirens)
- 2: Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus* (Photo: Patrick Beirens)
- 3: Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis* (Photo: Patrick Beirens)
- 4: Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula benghalensis* (Photo: Tim Loseby)
- 5: Great Thick-knee *Burhinus recurvirostris* (Photo: Tim Loseby)
- 6: Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger* (Photo: Patrick Beirens)
- 7: White-tailed Stonechat *Saxicola leucura* (Photo: Tim Loseby)
- 8: Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense* (Photo: Thakur Dalip Singh)
- 9: Painted Sandgrouse *Pterocles indicus* (Photo: Pete Morris)
- 10: White-browed Bushchat *Saxicola macrorhyncha* (Photo: Asad Rahnani)
- 11: White-browed Fantail *Rhipidura aureola* (Photo: Tim Loseby)

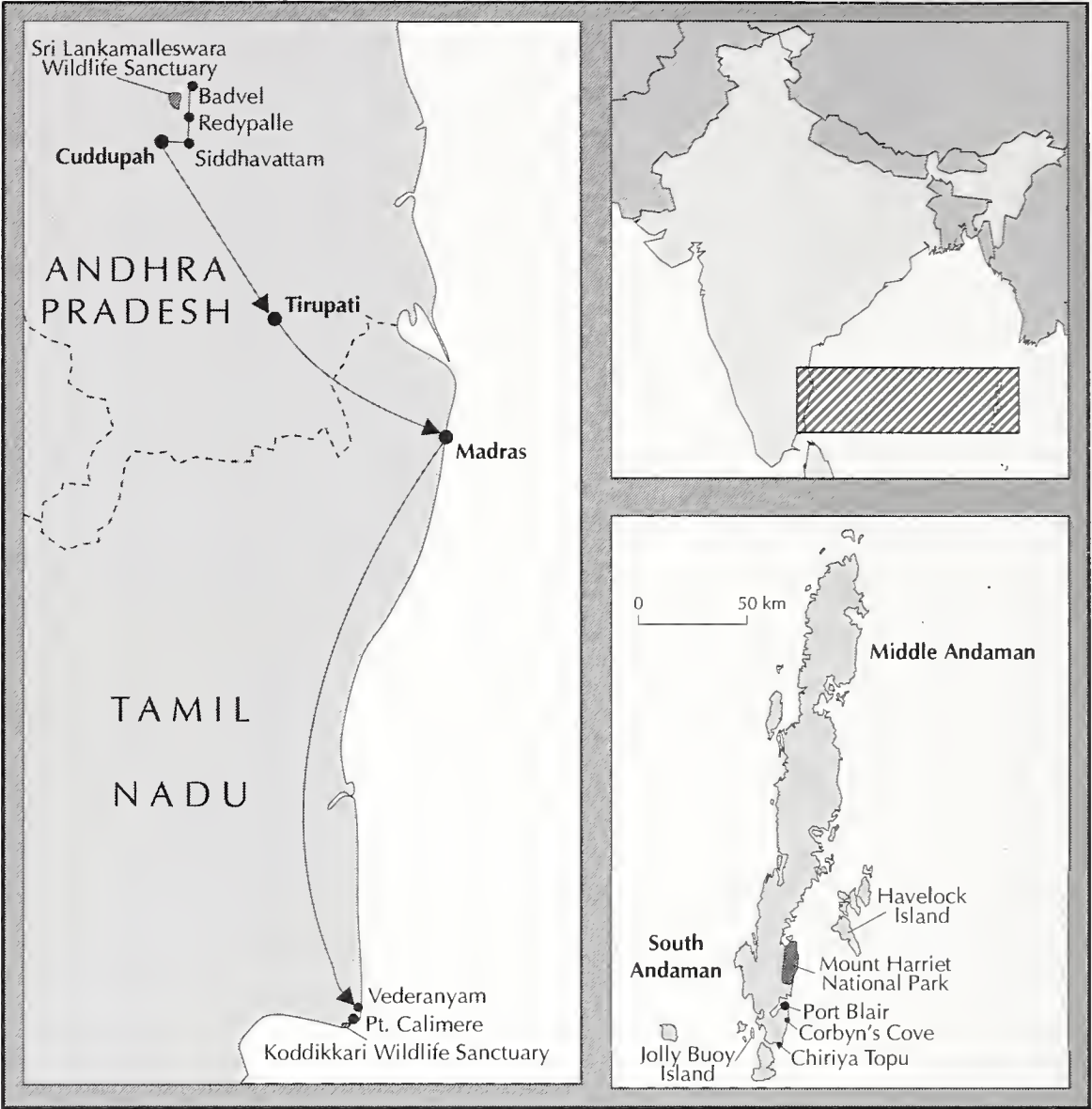


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East peninsular India & the Andamans

This itinerary is potentially difficult, but gives an opportunity to see some spectacular and sought-after species, most notably Spoonbill Sandpiper *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus* and the critically endangered Jerdon's Courser *Rhinoptilus bitorquatus*. Madras acts as a central base, and is the best city from which to get flights to Port Blair in the Andaman Islands.

The Andaman Islands hold 12 endemic species and a number of endemic sub-species.



DAY	NOTES		BIRDS
1	Bus from Madras to Vederanyam and onward to mKodikkarai for Pt. Calimere		
2	Pt .Calimere	Stay in the Forest Rest House. Basic S. Indian food is available in a few tea-shops near the Rest House. Hire bicycles in the village to explore the lagoons to the west and the reserve itself to the east.	GREY FRANCOLIN <i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i> , BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATER <i>Merops philippinus</i> , PIED CUCKOO <i>Oxylophus jacobinus</i> , GREY-BELLIED CUCKOO <i>Cacomantis passerinus</i> , BLUE-FACED MALKOHA <i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i> , TEREK SANDPIPER <i>Tringa cinerea</i> , SPOONBILL SANDPIPER <i>Eurynorhynchus pygmeus</i> (scarce), BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER <i>Limicola falcinellus</i> , PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER <i>Pluvialis fulva</i> , MONGOLIAN PLOVER <i>Charadrius mongolus</i> , GREATER SAND PLOVER <i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i> , CRAB PLOVER <i>Dromas ardeola</i> (scarce, found west of Kodikkarai), GREAT BLACK-HEADED GULL <i>Larus ichthyaetus</i> , BROWN-HEADED GULL <i>Larus brunnicephalus</i> , GREAT CRESTED-TERN <i>Sterna bergii</i> , WESTERN REEF-EGRET <i>Egretta gularis</i> , GREATER FLAMINGO <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i> , LESSER FLAMINGO <i>Phoenicopterus minor</i> , SPOT-BILLED PELICAN <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> , PAINTED STORK <i>Mycteria leucocephala</i> , ROSY STARLING <i>Sturnus roseus</i> , WHITE-BROWED BULBUL <i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i> , YELLOW-BILLED BABBLER <i>Turdoides affinis</i>
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6			am Pt. Calimere. pm overnight bus to Madras
7	Train to Tirupati. Bus or train to Cuddupah	Visit the Forest Office to seek permission to visit Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary	

DAY		NOTES	BIRDS
8 9 10	Cuddupah (Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary)	Nocturnal visits are necessary to see Jerdon's Courser, but permission must be obtained. On no account attempt to access the reserve without permission.	GREY FRANCOLIN <i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i> , BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATER <i>Merops philippinus</i> , BLUE-FACED MALKOHA <i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i> , JEROON'S NIGHTJAR <i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i> , INDIAN NIGHTJAR <i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i> , SAVANNA NIGHTJAR <i>Caprimulgus affinis</i> , EURASIAN THICK-KNEE <i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i> , YELLOW-WATTLED LAPWING <i>Vanellus malabaricus</i> , JERDON'S COURSER <i>Rhinoptilus bitorquatus</i> , WHITE-EYED BUZZARD <i>Butastur teesa</i> , BLUE ROCK-THRUSH <i>Monticola solitarius</i> , BRAHMINY STARLING <i>Sturnus pagodarum</i> , YELLOW-BILLED BABBLER <i>Turdoides affinis</i> , ASHY-CROWNED SPARROW-LARK <i>Eremopterix grisea</i> , PURPLE-RUMPED SUNBIRD <i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>
11	Cuddupah - Madras		
12	Fly to Port Blair, South Andaman	Accom. is available in Port Blair.	
13 14	Mount Harriet	Day visits from Port Blair.	ANDAMAN WOODPECKER <i>Dryocopus hodgei</i> , COLLARED KINGFISHER <i>Todirhamphus chloris</i> , BROWN COUCAL <i>Centropus andamanensis</i> , LONG-TAILED PARAKEET <i>Psittacula longicauda</i> , BROWN-BACKED NEEDLETAIL <i>Hirundapus giganteus</i> , ANDAMAN WOOD-PIGEON <i>Columba palumboides</i> , ANDAMAN CUCKOO-DOVE <i>Macropygia rufipennis</i> , POMPADOUR GREEN-PIGEON <i>Treron pompadora</i> , ANDAMAN CRAKE <i>Rallina canningi</i> , SLATY-BREASTED RAIL <i>Gallirallus striatus</i> , ANDAMAN SERPENT EAGLE <i>Spilornis elgini</i> , CHANGEABLE HAWK-EAGLE <i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i> (crested subspecies), ANDAMAN TREEPIE <i>Dendrocitta bayleyi</i> , BAR-BELLIED CUCKOO-SHRIKE <i>Coracina striata</i> , ANDAMAN DRONGO <i>Dicrurus andamanensis</i> , ORANGE-HEADED THRUSH <i>Zoothera citrina</i> , EYEBROWED THRUSH <i>Turdus obscurus</i> , WHITE-RUMPED SHAMA <i>Copsychus malabaricus</i> (endemic subspecies), ASIAN GLOSSY STARLING <i>Aplonis panayensis</i> , WHITE-HEADED STARLING <i>Sturnus erythropygius</i> , BLACK-HEADED BULBUL <i>Pycnonotus atriceps</i> , DUSKY WARBLER <i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i> , FOREST WAGTAIL <i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
15	am Corbyn's Cove pm Chinja Tapu	Visit from Port Blair.	BLACK-CAPPED KINGFISHER <i>Halcyon pileata</i> , BROWN COUCAL <i>Centropus andamanensis</i> , BAILLON'S CRAKE <i>Porzana pusilla</i> , RUFOUS-BREASTED CRAKE <i>Porzana fusca</i> , PACIFIC REEF-EGRET <i>Egretta sacra</i> , INDIAN POND-HERON <i>Ardeola grayii</i> , CHINESE POND-HERON <i>Ardeola bacchus</i> , YELLOW BITTERN <i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i> , PALLAS'S GRASSHOPPER-WARBLER <i>Locustella certhiola</i> , BLACK-BROWED REED-WARBLER <i>Acrocephalus bistrigiceps</i> , CLAMOROUS REED-WARBLER <i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>
16	am Chinja Tapu pm Corbyn's Cove	Visit from Port Blair.	BROWN COUCAL <i>Centropus andamanensis</i> , BROWN-BACKED NEEDLETAIL <i>Hirundapus giganteus</i> , POMPADOUR GREEN-PIGEON <i>Treron pompadora</i> , GREEN IMPERIAL PIGEON <i>Ducula aenea</i> , ANDAMAN PALE SERPENT EAGLE <i>Spilornis cheela davisoni</i> , ANDAMAN SERPENT EAGLE <i>Spilornis elgini</i> , ANDAMAN TREEPIE <i>Dendrocitta bayleyi</i> , ANDAMAN DRONGO <i>Dicrurus andamanensis</i> , WHITE-HEADED STARLING <i>Sturnus erythropygius</i> , OLIVE-BACKED SUNBIRD <i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>
17	Bus and boat to Jolly Buoy Island	Day trip from Port Blair.	BLACK-CAPPED KINGFISHER <i>Halcyon pileata</i> , COLLARED KINGFISHER <i>Todirhamphus chloris</i> , BROWN-BACKED NEEDLETAIL <i>Hirundapus giganteus</i> , BLACK-NECKED TERN <i>Sterna sumatrana</i> , ANDAMAN PALE SERPENT EAGLE <i>Spilornis cheela davisoni</i> , JAPANESE SPARROWHAWK <i>Accipiter gularis</i> , WHITE-BREASTED WOODSWALLOW <i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>
18 19	Boat to Havelock Island Havelock Island	Accommodation available in tents on beach. Food available locally.	ANDAMAN WOODPECKER <i>Dryocopus hodgei</i> , BROWN COUCAL <i>Centropus andamanensis</i> , EDIBLE-NEST SWIFTLET <i>Collocalia fuciphaga</i> , BROWN HAWK-OWL <i>Ninox scutulata</i> , ANDAMAN SERPENT EAGLE <i>Spilornis elgini</i> , WHITE-BREASTED WOODSWALLOW <i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i> , ANDAMAN DRONGO <i>Dicrurus andamanensis</i> , WHITE-HEADED STARLING <i>Sturnus erythropygius</i>
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